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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim [1] 11, wherein the guide members are endless.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim [1] 11, wherein the number of supports is at least N+2.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim [1]  $\underline{11}$ , wherein  $N \ge 2$ .
- 5. (Currently Amended) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim [1] 11, wherein each of said guide members is composed of one or more belts, or one or more chains, or one or more wires.
  - 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Currently Amended) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim [6] 12, wherein each of said N+1 guide members has an associated clutch for transmitting drive thereto, said system further comprising control means for selectively activating at least one of said clutches.
- 8. (Original) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 7, wherein said clutches are tooth clutches.
  - 9. (Canceled)

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## 10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A sheet deposition system for depositing sheets on at least one of a plurality of supports comprising:

deposition means for selectively depositing sheets in N sheet deposition locations, N being an Integer number  $\geq 1$ ;

N + 1 guide members for guiding the supports, said guide member being vertically arranged such that each of said sheet deposition locations has an associated lower guide member and an associated higher guide member;

a plurality of points of suspension on each of said guide members for suspending detachable supports thereon such that each support can be detached from the guide member regardless of its position on the guide member; and

drive means for driving said guide members and enabling the passing of at least one support from one of said guide members to an adjacent one of said guide members.

12. (New) The sheet deposition system as recited in claim 5, wherein a portion of one of the guide members associated with said sheet deposition location extends beyond a portion of the other guide member associated with said sheet deposition position.